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Forest Service Response

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June 8, 2005

Ms. Jane Cottrell Forest Supervisor
Nez Perce National Forest Rt. 2, Box 475 Grangeville, Idaho 83530

RE: Red Pines **FEIS**

Dear Ms. Cottrell,

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) met with your staff several times regarding the above referenced Nez Perce National Forest project. Correspondence from DEQ was provided to the Nez Perce National Forest on October 7, 2004 listing our agency's concerns about the project and requesting clarification on several points.

Since October 2004, an Alternative E has been developed for the project by the Nez Perce National Forest. The actions included in Alternative E appear to satisfy our original concerns and comply with the Idaho Water Quality Standards. In particular, the last paragraph of Appendix H-29 (from a pre-release FEIS copy dated May 8, 2005) has been rewritten such that Appendix H-29 now appears to be consistent with the intent of the South Fork Clearwater River TMDL.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We appreciate the efforts by your aquatic staff to work with us in a very positive and professional manner.

/s/Daniel Stewart

Daniel Stewart,
Water Quality Analyst

DS/ba cc: John Cardwell, DEQ-LRO
Michael McIntyre, DEQ-CO

Response 1-1. Alternative E. State Standards, SF CWR-TMDL intent.
Comment acknowledged.
Thank you for this information.

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